Bulls Gap, Tennessee.
MVP's Safe House.
Now.
WHAT YOU'RE SAYING SOUNDS CRAZY. AND THAT'S COMING FROM ME.
BITE ME, CLOWN. WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS! KIA'S COMING, AND HE'S GONNA KILL US ALL!
A CLONE OF MY SON? MICHAEL'S NOT CAPABLE OF MURDER. I'M SORRY, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE YOU.
YOU SHOULDN'T. THE INITIATIVE'S BEEN MISLEADING US FROM DAY ONE.
JUSTICE IS RIGHT. I WOULDN'T BUY ONE WORD OF THEIR @#%*!
WHAT'S THIS THING? YOU SAID IT COULD WIPE MY MIND. WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT? I HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW!
IT'LL DOWNLOAD YOUR MEMORIES AND TRANSFER 'EM TO KIA. KINDA LIKE HITTING HIS "RESET" BUTTON.
WE DON'T HAVE TO. THERE'S A BUTTON ON THERE THAT'LL TRANSMIT THE DATA INTO KIA'S MIND. ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS GET CLOSE.
IF THIS GUY'S SO TOUGH, HOW'RE YOU SUPPOSED TO GET IT ON HIS HEAD?
PLEASE, MVP...HE'S KILLED DOZENS OF PEOPLE ALREADY. I KNOW IT'S A TERRIBLE RISK, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP.
NO, MICHAEL! I WON'T ALLOW IT. I SAY WE KEEP RUNNING.
GOOD LUCK! THE INITIATIVE PUT A TRACKING DEVICE IN HIM. SO IF WE COULD FIND HIM...
...YOU CAN BET IT WON'T TAKE KIA TOO LONG TO--
WHOOM

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THEY'RE ALL DEAD. HOW WILL WE...
...KNOW WHERE KIA WENT?
SOMETHING TELLS ME THAT WON'T BE A PROBLEM.
AGREED.
Bulls Gap.
KZAKK
HIT 'IM HARD, WARRIORS!
VANCE ASTRO, A.K.A. JUSTICE! YOU RECRUITED ME INTO THE INITIATIVE! THIS IS YOUR FAULT!
KKAZK
F-FEEDBACK! I CAN'T--
AAHHH!
SURE. NOW YOU BELIEVE US.
OH MY GOD, VANCE!
UNNHHH...
OUTTA THE WAY, ULTRAGIRL! LEMME AT 'IM!

WHAT NOW? THE COMIC RELIEF?
LOOK WHO'S TALKIN'! "KIA"? NICE NAME.
WHAT? WERE YOU CONCEIVED IN A SPORTS UTILITY VEHICLE?
FOOL!
SKZZZ
THIS FROM A GUY THAT WRITES THINGS DOWN ON HIS CHEST.
GOOD THING YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO GO TO THE STORE THAT DAY...
...OR WE'D BE CALLING YOU "QUART A MILK, DOZEN EGGS, LADY'S HOME JOURNAL."
RWARR!
SPLBB
ATTACKING ME WITH MACE? WHAT ARE YOU, A GIRL?
DIE.
SHLUK
OUCHIE!
OF COURSE YOU REALIZE...
...THIS MEANS WAR!
WAR? YOU KNOW NOTHING OF WAR! THE TACTIGON KNOWS EVERY POSSIBLE CONFLICT. EVERY STRATEGY.
IT KNOWS YOUR WEAKNESS. YOU'RE MADE OUT OF ELECTROPLASM.
KRRZZT
A COUNTER CHARGE AT THE CORRECT FREQUENCY...
...WILL DESTROY YOUR MOLECULAR BONDS.
GLUPP

STEVE!
STEVE HARMON, A.K.A. SLAPSTICK. KILLED IN ACTION.
HOW THE *@#% DO WE PUT THIS GUY DOWN?!
MELATI, WATCH OUT! HIS HANDS--!
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO REMIND YOU? I HEAL!
NOT FROM THESE.
CHUNK
CHANK
RIGELLIAN SNAKE VENOM. THE FASTEST WORKING POISON IN THIS UNIVERSE.
NO!!
ARHH!
FASTER THAN YOUR HEALING FACTOR. IN 56 SECONDS IT WILL REACH YOUR HEART.
MELATI KUSUMA, A.K.A. KOMODO...KILLED IN ACTION.
NO WAY IN HELL! C'MON!

MS. MARVEL, ENGAGE HAND-TO-HAND! WASP, TARGET HIS EXPOSED FLESH!
CAN YOU OVERRIDE HIS WEAPON, TONY?
I'M TRYING, SIMON. BUT... I THINK IT'S ALIVE.
ZZZRAKK
RAGE! I ORDER YOU TO STAND DOWN AS OF NOW THIS IS OFFICIAL AVENGERS'--
@$##! YOUR ORDERS! I'VE BEEN TRAINED FOR THIS TEN TIMES OVER, JUST LIKE YOU AND YOUR STOOGES WANTED.
NOW GET OUT OF MY WAY!
LISTEN TO ME. A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE DEAD! AND MORE ARE GOING TO DIE!
SON, IT COULD LEAVE YOU A VEGETABLE!
BUT YOU CAN STOP THIS! JUST PUT ON THE DAMN HELMET!
MICHAEL, MY FIRST DAY AT CAMP HAMMOND, I MET THIS AMAZING GUY.
HE WAS BRAVE, SELFLESS... A REAL HERO. WAS THAT YOU... OR WASN'T IT?

THAT'S IT.
I DON'T NEED A TACTIGON. I KNOW YOUR WEAKNESS.
WHAT'S SHE DOING?
SHE--SHE'S GOING TO GET HERSELF KILLED.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, ABBY?
YOU'RE GOING TO GET YOURSELF KILLED.
BAM

GGK!
FFFFFFFFFFFF
HKKK--
HK--HK!
GET HIM!
TAKE HIM DOWN!
WAIT A SEC.
IF IT'LL WIPE MY MIND...

HOLD HIM!
WE'RE TRYING, BUT HE'S SHAKING OFF THE GAS!
THE SPIDERS? WHERE'D THEY-- UNH!
MAYBE YOU JUST NEED--
--A FEW EXTRA ARMS!
KHAGH!
I'VE GOT HIM, MICHAEL!
I HAVE HIM TOO, PATRICK!
NO! YOU'RE ME! YOU'RE ALL ME! AND YOU'RE KILLED IN ACTION! KIA!
WRONG. I KNOW WHO I AM.
I'M MICHAEL VAN PATRICK! THE MVP! AND YOU?
YOU'RE NO PART OF ME!
KZZAPP

Later...
GUYS, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET BRIAN. BRIAN VAN PATRICK.
OUR FATHER.
OUR TRUE FATHER.
I...I AM?
YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT PUDDLE IS SLAPSTICK?
WHAT'S LEFT OF HIM. I NEVER SAW ANYTHING SO BRAVE.
OR CRAZY. WITH HIM, IT'S A FINE LINE...
WELL, IF HIS MOLECULAR BONDS WERE DISRUPTED, THIS CHARGE MIGHT RESTORE COHESION.
IT BETTER. I'VE LOST ENOUGH FRIENDS ALREADY.
ZZAP
WOOHOO!
WHAT'D I MISS? DID YOU HAVE A FUNERAL FOR ME? DID ALL THE GIRLS CRY?
AWW YEAH!
SPROINGG